

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as set forth below in marked-up form.

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently amended) A sliding member obtained by coating a substrate with a sliding composition comprising 50 to 80 vol% of a thermosetting resin, 10 to 40 vol% of a polytetrafluoroethylene having a number average molecular weight of 3,000,000 or more and an average particle size of 300 to 600 μ m and 1 to 20 vol% of an alkaline earth metal salt.
3. (Currently amended) A sliding member obtained by coating a substrate with a sliding composition comprising 50 to 80 vol% of a thermosetting resin, 10 to 40 vol% of a polytetrafluoroethylene having a number average molecular weight of 3,000,000 or more and an average particle size of 300 to 600 μ m and 1 to 20 vol% in total of bismuth or a bismuth alloy, or both and an alkaline earth metal salt.
4. (Canceled)
5. (Currently amended) A sliding ~~composition member~~ according to claim 2, ~~which~~ wherein the composition further comprises 1 to 30 vol% of a solid lubricant.
6. (Currently amended) A sliding ~~composition member~~ according to claim 3, ~~which~~ wherein the composition further comprises 1 to 30 vol% of a solid lubricant.

Claims 7 – 13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently amended) A sliding member according to claim 2, ~~obtained by coating a~~
wherein a porous layer is formed on a said substrate, said ~~with a sliding composition according~~
~~to claim 2 being coated on said porous layer~~ by impregnation.

15. (Currently amended) A sliding member according to claim 3, ~~obtained by coating a~~
wherein a porous layer is formed on a said substrate, said ~~with a sliding composition according~~
~~to claim 3 being coated on said porous layer~~ by impregnation.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A sliding member according to claim 5, ~~obtained by coating a~~
wherein a porous layer is formed on a said substrate, said ~~with a sliding composition according~~
~~to claim 5 being coated on said porous layer~~ by impregnation.

18. (Currently amended) A sliding member according to claim 6, ~~obtained by coating a~~
wherein a porous layer is formed on a said substrate, said ~~with a sliding composition according~~
~~to claim 6 being coated on said porous layer~~ by impregnation.